



**TOWN OF BROOKLINE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**11 Pierce Street, Brookline, Massachusetts, 02445**  
**Telephone: (617) 730-2300 Facsimile: (617) 730-2296**  
**Website: [www.brooklinema.gov](http://www.brooklinema.gov)**

**Dr. Swannie Jett, DrPH, MSc**  
**Director of Public Health**  
**& Human Services**

## **NOTICE TO RESIDENTS REGARDING WILDLIFE IN BROOKLINE**

Various town departments have received calls of sightings of wildlife (coyotes, wild turkeys, foxes, and deer) throughout the Town. Reports have specifically noted wild turkeys behaving aggressively toward people.

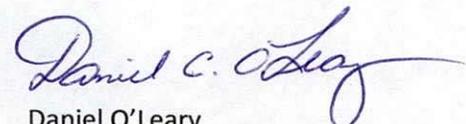
Wildlife is protected under the State and Federal Laws. However, these recent incidents have prompted the Town of Brookline through the Animal Control Officer and the Brookline Health Department to address this public safety concern.

***Residents are reminded of the following to assist with this issue:***

- **DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE:**  
Feeding wildlife may cause turkeys and coyotes to act in an aggressive manner. Due to the public safety issue that has resulted, feeding wildlife is deemed contributing to a public health nuisance. Feeding wildlife is discouraged.
- **KEEP BIRDFEEDER AREAS CLEAN:**  
Please use feeders designed to keep seed off the ground to deter wildlife access. Remove feeders if coyotes and wild turkeys are regularly seen around your yard.
- **SECURE YOUR GARBAGE**  
Wildlife are attracted to open trash and compost piles. Town-by-Law requires home owners to store trash in containers with tight fitting lids. Keep compost piles in containers designed to contain and vent materials.

To report an incident of wildlife threatening the public, contact the Animal Control Officer at 617-730-2222. For questions on exposure related to wildlife, please contact the Inspector of Animals at 617-730-2310 or the Public Health Nurse at 617-730-2320.

  
Dr. Swannie Jett  
Director  
Public Health and Human Services

  
Daniel O'Leary  
Chief of Police